

Downtown Streetscape Improvements Construction Meeting

May 8, 2024



Agenda

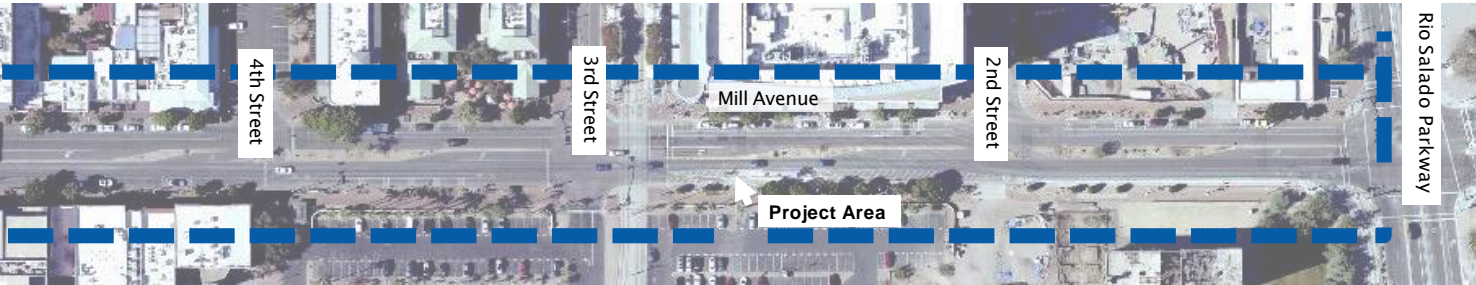
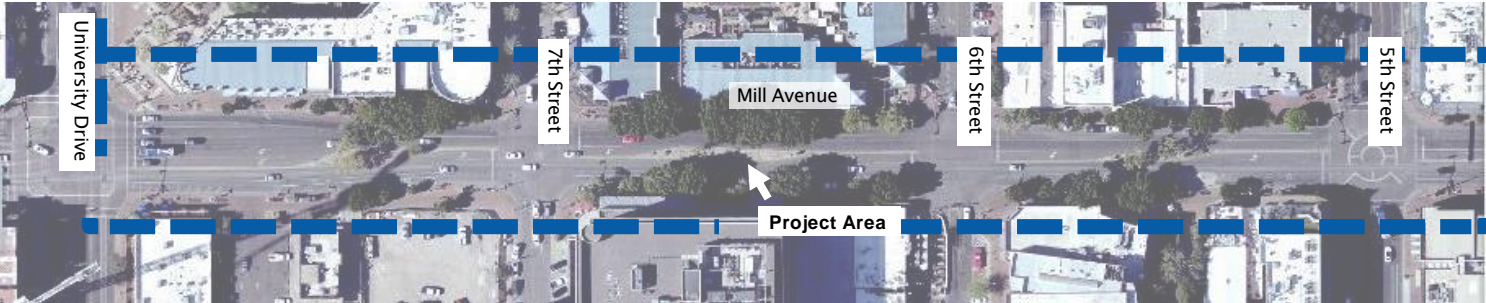
- Welcome
- Introductions
- Project Background
- What to Expect
- Schedule
- Communication and Information
- Questions



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Project Background

Project Area

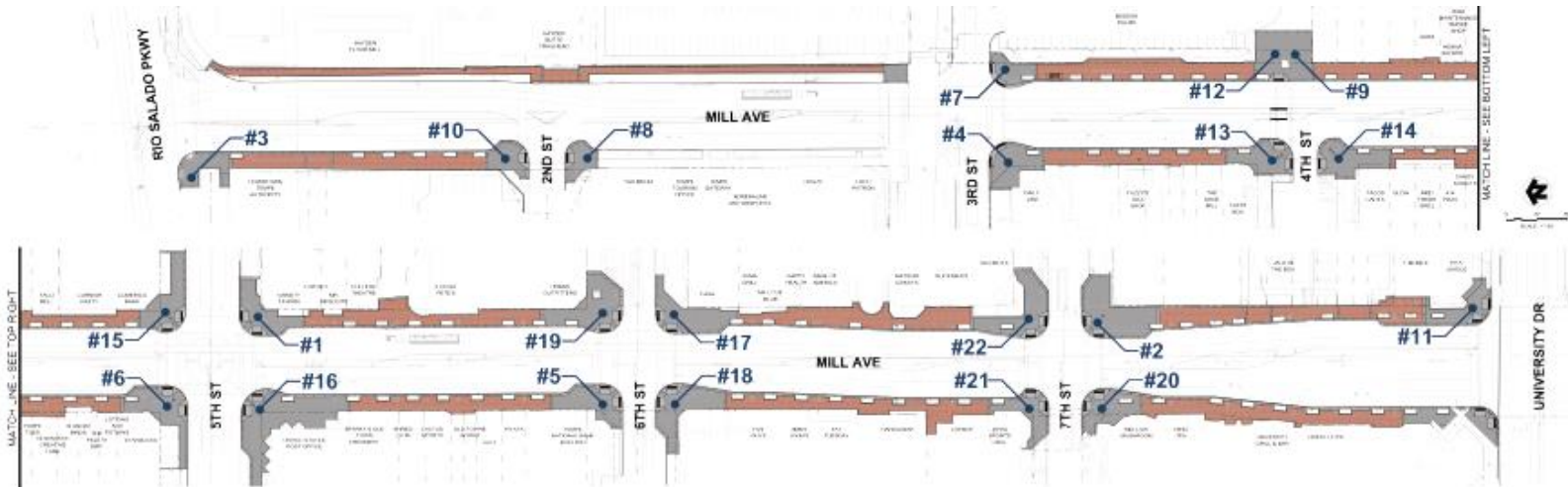


Mill Avenue Refresh Project Purpose



- Infrastructure upgrades (electrical, irrigation etc.)
 - Re-fresh from 1980's original streetscape
- Sidewalks, ramps & ADA improvements
- Tree canopy & plants (heat & drought tolerant species/sustainability focus)
 - Retain healthy existing ficus & have a replacement tree identified
- Enhanced pedestrian & public space
- Celebrate history & culture

Lithomosaic Accent Paving History Storytelling



LITHO #1
Valley Art Theatre

ONGOING
COORDINATION
WITH SRPMC
FOR IMAGERY

LITHO #2
Pipaash



LITHO #3
Moni's La Casa Vieja



LITHO #4
Mill Avenue Bridge



LITHO #5
Tempe Bowl



LITHO #6
Petersen House



LITHO #7
Tempe (Hayden) Butte
Oldfajr Co'ag



LITHO #8
Hayden's Ferry



LITHO #9
Railroad Bridge



LITHO #10
Hayden Flour Mill



LITHO #11
Welcome to Tempe



LITHO #12
Old St. Mary's



LITHO #13
Casa Loma



LITHO #14
Tempe House



LITHO #15
San Pablo



LITHO #16
Wallace & Ladmo



LITHO #17
Legend City



LITHO #18
Tempe Bicycle Shop



LITHO #19
Tempe Municipal Building



LITHO #20
Gammage Auditorium



LITHO #21
Pacific Creamery

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LITHO #22
Akmal O'dham

Hardscape Theme



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Public Outreach



- Stakeholders
- Multi-departmental effort
- Tempe Business Roadshow
- Downtown merchant newsletter & canvassing of downtown street-level merchants
- Direct outreach to downtown office buildings, residential properties and hotels
- Project information in downtown office building lobbies
- Citywide social media, eblasts and press release
- 3 public meetings – Summer/Fall 2023
- 10 board and commission presentations
- Online Survey July 12, 2023 – August 31, 2023
- Open House – January 2024

Primary New Street Trees



Red Push Pistache

Ghost Gum Eucalyptus



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The image features a central blue circle with a white text overlay. Surrounding this circle is a decorative border composed of numerous thin, curved lines in shades of blue and yellow, creating a dynamic, swirling effect.

What to Expect

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- Current work at the intersection of Mill Ave. and University Dr. is generally done during daytime and weekdays
- Some restrictive operations will be performed during off-peak hours
- Additional off-peak work will be added when work starts on Mill Ave. north of University
- Barricades will remain in place 24/7 for safety and work zone protection
 - Bicycle lane and on-street parking will be closed only in the area where work is occurring
 - Delivery and loading zones will be accommodated

What to Expect



- Roads will generally remain open for travel
- Limited weekend closure for intersection work
- Accommodate planned downtown events
- Maintenance of access:
 - Business access will be maintained
 - Pedestrian access will be maintained
 - Public transit / Streetcar will be maintained



Schedule

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- Construction began April 2024
- Work started at the intersection of Mill Ave. and University Dr.
- Work to tentatively start in July on Mill Ave., will know more end of May
- Intention to work block by block
- Completion date TBD



Communication & Information

- Contractor downtown project office
 - 200 E. Fifth St, Ste 104
 - Open office hours for merchants to stop by
 - Tuesdays, 9 – 11 a.m. and Wednesdays, noon - 2 p.m.
- Project Hotline: 480-898-4100
- Project website: tempe.gov/DowntownTempeRefresh
- Sign up on website to receive email updates
- Merchant Newsletter
 - Email ally@downtowntempe.com to sign up



- Regular updates coordinated through DTA @downtowntempe and City of Tempe @tempegov
- Targeted communications with directly impacted businesses



- One-on-one meetings for business frontage work
- Advance notice for significant restrictions
- Pedestrian Signage



How can DTA best support you during construction?



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Next Steps

- Ongoing dialogue with businesses/merchants
- Careful coordination with patios, business access
- Hybrid meeting on Tuesday, June 18 at 3 p.m. at the Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St. and via Teams, link on project website
- Starting in July, virtual meetings every second Tuesday at 2 p.m.



Questions?